



AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-EXAMINING  
GROUP 2653

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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :  
Takashi NIWA et al. :  
Serial No. 09/872,800 : Group Art Unit: 2653  
Filed: June 1, 2001 : Examiner: Thang V. Tran  
  
For: METHOD FOR FORMING OPTICAL :  
APERTURE, NEAR-FIELD :  
OPTICAL HEAD, METHOD FOR :  
FABRICATING NEAR-FIELD :  
OPTICAL HEAD, AND :  
INFORMATION RECORDING/ :  
READING APPARATUS (AS :  
Amended) : Docket No. S004-4309

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
UNDER RULE 116

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In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2005, applicants amend their application as follows:

ADDITIONAL FEES:

No additional fees are believed required in connection with this amendment after final; however, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

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